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SUBJ: MEETING CENTO COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION AND  
RESEARCH, CSER, TEHRAN, NOVEMBER 16-18, 1976

SUMMARY: SUCCESSFUL CSER MEETING CONCLUDED IN TEHRAN NOVEMBER 18 WITH  
COUNCIL AGREEING TO RECOMMEND TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT MSF SHOULD  
BE DENOMINATED IN DOLLARS AND INCREASED TO TOTAL OF \$96,000.

CSER APPROVED REPORT OF SCB. COUNCIL NOTED WITH SATISFACTION TWO  
USEFUL CENTO TECHNICAL MEETINGS RECENTLY HELD IN TEHRAN, ON  
SOLAR ENERGY AND EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MINIMIZATION. CSER SUGGESTED THAT  
NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL BE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER  
1977 IN PAKISTAN.

1. MEETING WAS CONVENED AT MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER  
EDUCATION, MSHE, CONFERENCE WAS INUAGURATED BY DR. BAHMAN PARSA,  
DEPUTY MINISTER, MSHE, AND THEN ALL SESSIONS WERE CHAIRED BY DR.  
SIOVASH VOJDANI, DIRECTOR, MATERIALS AND SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE OF TEHRAN. HEAD OF PAKISTAN DELEGATION WAS MR. MANSUR AHMAD  
SHAIKH, SECRETARY (EQUIVALENT TO DEPUTY MINISER), GOP MINISTRY  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. USDEL HEADED BY DR. EDWARD BRADY,  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MBS, ACCOMPANIED BY SCIATT DR. ROBERT C.  
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DOUGLAS MARTIN ALSO PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE MEETING WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BOTH BY OUTGOING CENTO SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY DR. GEOFF. AMES AND NEWLY APPOINTED SCIENCE SECRETARY. DR. RAYMOND WRIGHT/UK, WHO WILL FORMALLY TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN JANUARY, 1977. TURKISH DELEGATION WAS DR. ALKUT AYTUN (SITTING IN FOR PROFESSOR ERGUN) AND UK DELEGATION WAS DIRECTOR TOPICAL PRODUCTS INSTITUTE, TPI, DR. P.C. SPENSLEY, AND MR. E. WORSNOP, UK EMBASSY.

2. THE COUNCIL TOOK FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) WELCOMED CENTO BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES AGREEMENT THAT THE CENTO SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIAT SHOULD REMAIN IN TEHRAN, AGAIN NOTING THAT THE POSITION OF SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY IS ANOMOLOUS AND SHOULD BE REGULARIZED. (B) WELCOMED US DECISION THAT UP TO \$10,000 COULD BE PROVIDED FROM US SPARE PARTS FUND TO MEET REQUESTS ARISING FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND DREW THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD. (C) APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD AND WELCOMED PROPOSAL THAT MEETING ON GEOTHERMAL ENERGY BE FUNDED THROUGH THE U.S. CONFERENCE PROGRAM. COUNCIL ALSO NOTED THE VISIT TO CENTO REGION, NOW IN PROGRESS OF MR. G. SIMPSON, USA, TO ADVISE ON FEASIBILITY OF REGIONAL DATA CENTER. GOP IS PREPARED TO HOST CENTER SHOULD IT BE RECOMMENDED. (D) NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN EXCHANGE RATES, DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OR MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUND, MSF, HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM \$72,000 IN 1972 TO \$66,000 IN OCTOBER 1976 DESPITE INCREASE IN STERLING VALUE OF FUND. COUNCIL AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT MSF SHOULD BE DENOMINATED IN DOLLARS (RATHER THAN BRITISH POUNDS). THE COUNCIL ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE MSF SHOULD BE INCREASED TO A TOTAL OF \$96,000 TO OFFSET COST INCREASES AND RESTORE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM TO INTENDED LEVEL. (E) APPROVED SCIENTIFIC SECRETARIES REPORTS ON: CEREALS TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH ON MYCOTOXINS, RESEARCH ON FOOD COMPOSITION, COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION (FOCUS ON LAKES AND RIVERS), RESEARCH OF FORAGE CROPS FOR SALINE CONDITIONS. (F) EMPHASIZED NEED FOR WIDE DISSEMINATION OF RESULTING RESEARCH REPORTS AND ASKED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING A CENTO SCIENCE JOURNAL. (G) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT TWO USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL CENTO TECHNICAL MEETINGS WERE RECENTLY HELD (BOTH IN TEHRAN). SYMPOSIUM ON SOLAR ENERGY AND ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS MINIMIZATION (AMBASSADOR UNCLASSIFIED

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HELMS ATTENDED THE OPENING SESSION ON THE LATTER CONFERENCE WHERE WELCOMING REMARKS WERE GIVEN BY HIS EXCELLENCY ABDUL MAJIDI, DIRECTOR, PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION). THE SESSIONS, CSER, WERE SO ORGANIZED THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND SOME SESSIONS ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MINIMIZATION SEMINAR. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED CSB TO DEVELOP PLAN TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS SEMINAR WHICH INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL MAP OF THE REGION. REQUESTED CSB TO

CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS OF PAKISTAN DELEGATION THAT CENTO ACTION BE TAKEN IN FOLLOWING AREAS TO INITIATE REGIONAL COLLABORATION, STABILIZATION OF SAND DUNES, MANUFACTURING OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, AND INSTRUMENTS, FOOD STORAGE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN WATER-LOGGED AREAS, LOW COST HOUSING OF LOCAL MATERIALS, AND BENEFACTION OF LOW GOOD MINERAL ORES.

3. BY NORMAL SEQUENCE, NEXT MEETING OF CSER WILL BE HELD IN PAKISTAN. EXACT TIME AND PLACE WILL BE SET IN COORDINATION WITH THE CENTO SECRETARIAT. USER AGREED THAT EARLY OR MID-NOVEMBER 1977 WOULD BE IDEAL TIME.

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